

ASSIGNMENTS

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Assignment 5-1

In this passage from Nehemiah 1:1-11, make as many observations as you can.

Tone -
Sad -
Wept/mourned/
Shameful

Nehemiah 1:1-11 ESV The words of Nehemiah the son of

Hachaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year as I was in Susa the citadel, (2) that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. (3) And they said to me, The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire. (4) As soon as I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I

who his is the son of
reference
Prelude to when
See the month but not the day of the month
reference to the family
reference to the present
the family
we can
Ninth month of the Hebrew calendar
where Nehemiah was at which is an ancient city in Persia where he was
number of years referring to the king's reign himself
the king's reign himself
where he was

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As soon as I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Constantly went w/out food and prayed to our Almighty God for what has happened

The Jews that have returned to Jerusalem are in great distress to see all the damage that was done

Their city has been destroyed and now seeing it, the people are very distressed. The gates of the wall were torn down which were used for protection and saw that the former city was no more.



(5) And I said, ^{Almighty God} O LORD God of heaven, the great and

connecting
Nehemiah
Sentence
awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with

awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with

describing who God is displays his agreements & love

those who love him and keep his commandments, (6) let

describing those who love God also & statutes

your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer

listen carefully see Nehemiah is praying

of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for

he is submitting to God time constantly

the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the

the specific people from the past those sins telling the God group committed against

people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I

specific group of people who did wrong against God talking about himself

and my father's house have sinned. (7) We have acted

his relatives done wrong against God all those from Israel

very corruptly against you and have not kept the

dishonest sinful towards God also

commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you

kept God's laws and statutes rules of God Torah God

commanded your servant Moses. (8) Remember the word

gave or direction to God's servant Moses of Egypt Reflect what was told to Moses

that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are

God instructed God's Israelites

unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, (9) but if

do not obey God's laws be taken from them to other lands they were to live with other cultures

Nehemiah is sorrowful on how the people, including himself have acted towards God

→ fervently praying

→ repenting of their sins

→ acknowledging the sinful behavior

Conditional Clause
If the Israelite are faithful to God, he will bless them but if they are not, they will be taken into other lands he called.

Conjunction Clause



you return to me and keep my commandments (and do them),
 God want the Israelites to turn back and follow his commandments though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, the Israelites have been scattered from there) will gather them and bring them to the place that

I have chosen to make my name dwell there. (10) They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

(11) O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

Tone

Nehemiah was ~~desperat~~ desperate for God to not only forgive his and the other Israelites but for the King to have compassion for the situation in Jerusalem

Repetition

Seven prayer

Purpose was to show that even when the Israelites turned away from God by then pleaded for forgiveness God grants it and helps his people.

Nehemiah was praying to God for the King to have compassion for him and the situation in Jerusalem



Nehemiah 1:1-11

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Chiasm

- A) As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days
- B) I continued fasting and praying before God.
- C) And I said "O Lord God of Heaven, the Great & awesome God, hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night confessing the sins of the people of Israel which sinned against you, even I ~~and my~~ father's house, we acted corruptly against you.
- D) Even I and my father's house ~~has~~ we have acted corruptly against you.
- C) ~~has~~ Remember the word that you commanded ~~moose~~ your servant Moses saying "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among people but if you return to me and keep my commandments, I will gather them and bring them to the place I have chosen to make my name dwell there. They are your servants, your people, who you have redeemed by your great power.
- B) O Lord let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant who delight

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(she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. "He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Just to get you started:

Jairus

1. a man

2. goes to Jesus for help publicly

3. his daughter is dying by an illness that came on suddenly

4) Jairus wants ~~to~~ Jesus to lay his hands on his daughter

5) Only a few witnessed the healing

6) Jairus was synagogue leader

7) Jairus asked Jesus for the healing of his daughter

8) When Jairus heard his daughter was dead, he appears to hesitate & doubt his faith in Jesus

9) The girl was 12 years old

10) The girl was healed instantly

11) The girl's condition worsened until she died

12) Jesus comforted the girl by telling her parents to give her food

13) He told everyone in the room not to tell anyone about the healing

Bleeding woman

1. a woman

2. goes to Jesus for help privately

3. She has a bleeding disorder that she has had for 12 years

4) The woman only went to touch the end of his garment

5) The whole crowd witnessed the healing

6) The woman is an outcast

7) The woman did not ask and when she touched his ~~to~~ cloak, and the power went out of Jesus, she trembled at his feet

8) The woman had absolute faith that Jesus could heal her.

9) The woman had bled for 12 years

10) The woman was healed instantly

11) The woman's condition worsened over time

12) He told the woman to "Go in peace your faith has made you well."

13) The woman's healing was in a crowd and Jesus was not concerned.

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Assignment 5-3

Read the story below from Mark 11. Make as many observations as you can on the text. Notice that the text has two encounters with a fig tree (vv. 12-14, 19-21) sandwiched around an event in the temple (vv. 15-18). In addition to making observations, explain how the fig tree relates to the episode in the temple

Mark 11:12-21 ESV On the following day, when they came

Continuation of a previous verse

this would be the next day

something is going to happen Jesus & Disciples

from Bethany, he was hungry (13) And seeing in the

small village near Jerusalem

Refusing natural hunger need

also

Tone - Judgement Jesus used the fig trees outward appearance by having leaves, but lacked fruit (fault & good work)

distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find

he saw the fig tree which had leaves, indicating there might be fruit

approached the tree Jesus

Repetition fig tree/fig

anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but

went to see if the tree had fruit

Close to the tree Jesus

there was no fruit only leaves.

leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (14) And he said

it was not the season for fig, there should not have been leaves on the tree

Jesus

Tone -

Jesus was angry that the outer temple was being used as a market place instead of a place of worship.

to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And his

he cursed the tree because it had leaves but no fruit when leaves grew, fruit should have also grown

Jesus!

disciples heard it. (15) And they came to Jerusalem. And

follows heard Jesus curse the tree

Jesus & the disciples

the holy city where the temple of God is

Jesus was angry

he entered the temple and began to drive out those who

Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling the animals for sacrifice

get rid of

there were animals were being sold & money changes were exchanging currency

sold and those who bought in the temple, and he

those who were buying the animals for sacrifice

Jesus



overtumed the tables of the money-changers and the seats

knocked over

people exchanged their currency for the Tyrian shekel to buy sacrifices

knocked over their seats

of those who sold pigeons. (16) And he would not allow

they were selling the pigeons at the temple where they should not have been

also Jesus did not permit

Zeal for his father's house of worship

anyone to carry anything through the temple. (17) And he

no one

Jesus wanted people to worship God and keep the temple holy but it was turned into a market place

Jesus instead

was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, My

giving the disciples instruction also

telling the disciple

Already established or understood

house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"

the temple

what it is meant for

the temple, even the outer areas were meant to use to worship and pray to God by the Gentiles

But you have made it a den of robbers. (18) And the chief

the temple authorities allowed the outer area to be turned into a market place to gain a profit by selling sacrificial animals at a high cost

priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to

the high priest was authorizing this

also legal experts + scholars in the interpretation of the Torah

they heard what Jesus did

destroy him, for they feared him because all the crowd was

this was hurting the temple leaders' fear of power

the people who were listening to Jesus & believing

the authority of the Temple leaders and they wanted to discredit and kill Jesus

astonished at his teaching. (19) And when evening came

Jesus taught w/ authority and about what people need to do to obtain the Kingdom of God

when Jesus & the disciples left Jerusalem

they went out of the city. (20) As they passed by in the

Jesus and the disciples were to Jerusalem



morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

tells
who

the disciples saw the same big tree that
Jesus had cursed that day ~~before~~ which had leaves
on it then has now no leaves & has died

(21) (And Peter) remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look!

one of
the disciples

recalled

Jesus' teacher

(The fig tree that you cursed has withered.)

Peter wanted Jesus to see
what he had done to the
tree, but this was meant
to be symbolic in showing
that the outward appearance
of the religious leaders
who seemed devout, but inside
lacked faith & good works.

Inclusion -

Opening - the disciples
& Jesus was heading to
Jerusalem & Jesus saw
the fig tree w/ leaves but
no fruit and cursed it.
When they were heading
back to Bethany, they
saw the ~~fruit~~ fig tree
withered.

